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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION

1. KISSINGER ON AFRICA: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S AUGUST 3 SPEECH, IN WHICH HE ANALYZED POLITICAL SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND WARNED MINORITY REGIMES OF DANGERS OF CONTINUED RACIAL INTOLERANCE, WAS ACCORDED BROAD, STRAIGHTFORWARD COVERAGE IN LISBON PRESS. AS YET THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE COMMENTARY. SAMPLE HEADLINES: "KISSINGER EXHORTS SOUTH AFRICA TO REGOGNIZE 'WINDS OF CHANGE'"; "KISSINGER SUPPORTS INTEGRATION OF BLACKS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA"; "KISSINGER WARNS BLACKS AND WHITES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA".

2. PL 480 COTTON: DETAILS OF THE AQUISITION AND TRANSPORT OF 2,800 TONS OF AMERICAN COTTON BY PORTUGAL UNDER PL 480 PROGRAM GAINED NOTICE IN ONE AUGUST 3 AFTERNOON AND TWO AUGUST 4 MORNING LISBON PAPERS.

3. VIKING: HEAVY NEWSPLAY CONTINUED AUGUST 3 AND 4. MOST NOTABLE ITEM: TWO-PAGE SECTION IN AUGUST 3 "A CAPITAL" DISCUSSED FUTURE NASA PROJECTS ON MARS AND VENUS. ANOTHER EURICO DA FONSECA ARTICLE BASED ON USIS-FURNISHED UNCLASSIFIED

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MATERIALS, THIS TIME ON MARS' ATMOSPHERE, APPEARED IN AUGUST 3

"JORNAL NOVO".

4. CSCE: AUGUST 4 ARTICLES DEALING WITH STATE OF CSCE ACCORDS ONE YEAR AFTER HELSINKI NOTED SOVIET PHYSICIST YURI ORLOV'S PROTEST OF SOVIET NON-COMPLIANCE WITH CLAUSES STIPULATING FREEDOM OF RESIDENCE. RELATED ARTICLES ON COMMUNIST AFFAIRS TOUCHED ON SOVIET CHESS GRAND MASTER VITOR KORCHNOI'S POLITICAL ASYLUM IN HOLLAND; "U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT'S" ANALYSIS ON INCREASING INTERNATIONAL FRAGMENTATION OF COMMUNISM; AND MEETING ON ANZUS-PACT NATIONS TO DISCUSS GROWING SOVIET MILITARY AND DIPLOMATIC INFLUENCE IN PACIFIC. RECENT DISCLOSURE BY "AVIATION WEEK" OF SOVIET AERIAL SURVEILLANCE OF U.S. MILITARY BASE ON AZORES WAS GIVEN FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT BY PORTUGUESE PRESS.

5. FREEDOM OF PRESS IN U.S.: UNDER HEADLINE "FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AFTER THE WATERGATE SCANDAL", AUGUST 3 ISSUE OF "DIARIO POPULAR" PUBLISHED A SYNOPSIS OF AN ARTICLE BY FELIX ORTEGA IN SPANISH DAILY "CORDOBA" WHICH FOCUSED ON THE STATE OF THE PRESS IN UNITED STATES. MAIN THRUST: "THE PRESS IS STILL ALIVE", BUT THREATS TO ITS FREEDOM ARE OMINOUS. THESE THREATS COME FROM GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS CONSIDERING IMPLEMENTATION OF "A NEW TYPE OF OFFICIAL CENSURE IMPOSED ON THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF, THUS ENORMOUSLY LIMITING THE NEWSPAPERS' PUBLIC FUNCTION..." AND FROM "PRIVATE AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS THAT CONTROL THE PRESS..." A NEED TO CURB "EXCESSIVE ZEAL" EVIDENT IN MUCH RECENT REPORTING, THE ARTICLE STATED, WAS PRIMARY MOTIVE FOR THESE MOVES.
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